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For: PARTIALLY CROSSLINKED ADHESIVE-SUPPORTED POROUS FILM FOR BATTERY
SEPARATOR AND ITS USE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. EP 0 813 979
2. WO 01/75991

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is being submitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a European Search Report, dated December 30, 2010, issued in counterpart Application No. 10010392.8, citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Applicant submits an English-Language abstract for the listed foreign language reference.

It is noted that EP 0 563 773, WO 97/12412, EP 0 798 791, EP 0 668 156, EP 1 365 461, US 5,731,074, and WO 00/24068 cited in the EESR were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 26, 2004. Also, reference JP 9-12756 cited in the EESR was submitted in an IDS filed on February 19, 2004. Additionally, it is noted that reference EP 1 271 673 cited in the EESR corresponds to WO 01/75991, which is submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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